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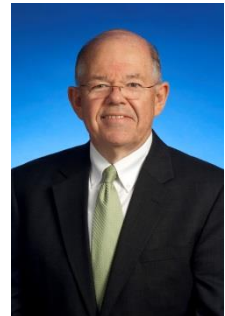
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Former Commissioner of Agriculture Julius Johnson Named to TRICOR Board of Directors

Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Corrections (TRICOR) is pleased to announce that Former Commissioner of Agriculture Julius Johnson has joined the TRICOR Board of Directors as the agriculture representative following the retirement of long-time board member Herbert Lackey.

As a member of the TRICOR board, Mr. Johnson will serve as an advisor and informational resource for TRICOR's agriculture operations. TRICOR currently operates farms at the Bledsoe Country Correctional Complex Dairy Farm in East Tennessee, where offenders and staff harvested 250 acres of corn silage to support the TRICOR Dairy farm, which produced 4,132,578 pounds of milk in FY16. TRICOR also produces row crops at the West Tennessee State Penitentiary, including 2,301 acres of soybeans, 420 acres of wheat, and 240 acres of corn produced in FY16.



Julius Johnson was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam and sworn in as Tennessee's 36th Commissioner of Agriculture in January 2011. He retired as Commissioner on June 1, 2016.

As commissioner, he directed the work of more than 800 full- and part-time employees with responsibilities ranging from farm and agribusiness development, food safety and pesticide regulation to animal and plant health protection and forest and water resources management.

Prior to his appointment, he served as Chief Administrative Officer of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, serving thirty-seven years in various positions with one of the leading farm and rural advocacy organizations in the nation. Having had extensive experience in working with government at local, state and federal levels, he is widely regarded as a leading authority on farm policy and rural issues.

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